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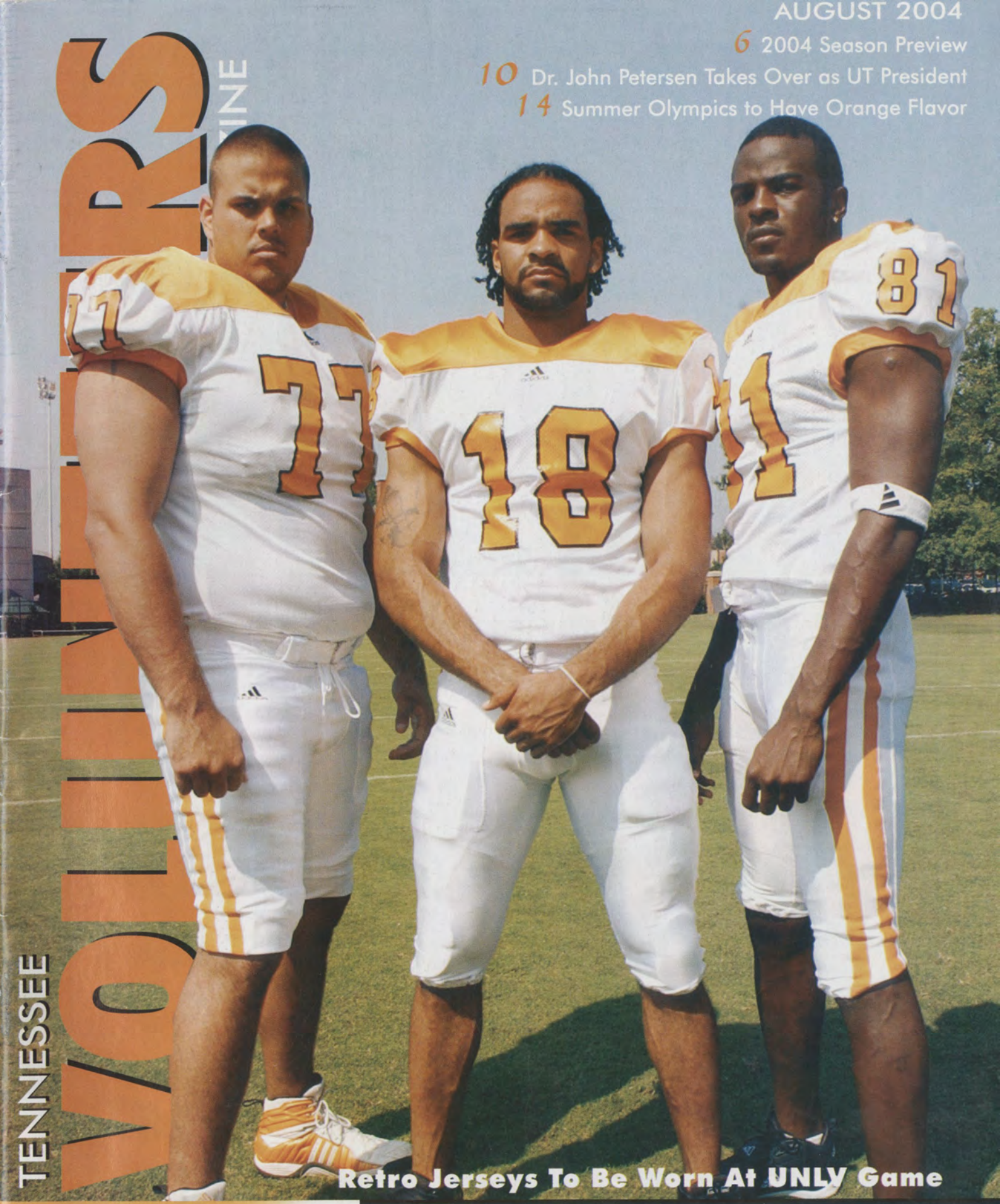

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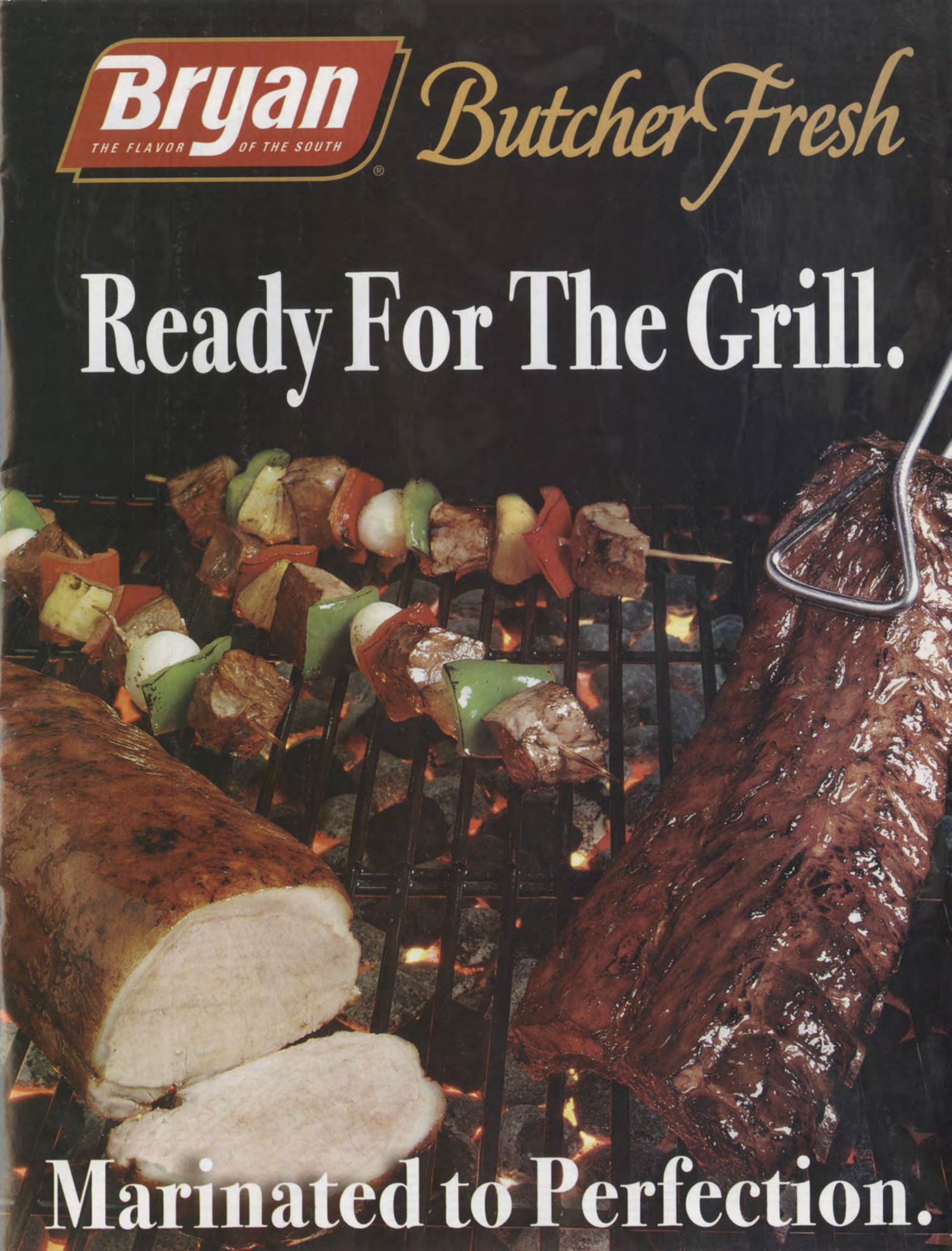

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August is sure to be an exciting month for the University of Tennessee as five former Vols and one current Vol represent the USA in the Olympics. We also have former student-athletes representing the Democratic Republic of Congo in the 400 meters from Puerto Rico in the 50 and 100 freestyles and 100 butterfly, and Brazil in the 100 meter backstroke and 400 individual medley. Lady Vols track coach J.J. Clark will also be in Athens with his wife, Jearl Miles-Clark, who is making her fifth Olympic appearance, and his sister, Hazel Clark, who is making her second appearance. For an in depth look at the UT connection in Athens, check out page 14.

We're pleased to report that the University of Tennessee ranked 14th among NCAA Division I-A schools on the playing fields and courts in the 2003-2004 school year. This was an improvement over the 2002-2003 school year when Tennessee finished 27th.

As another school year begins, soccer, volleyball, cross-country and tennis are getting ready for a new season of competition. The football team is also preparing for their season opener against UNLV Sept. 5. More than 350 former football Lettermen will be in attendance at that game to honor the tradition of Tennessee football.

Last month, we reached an agreement with eSports Partners to outsource our souvenirs at Tennessee Traditions and on volmall.com. We hope you will check them out in mid-Augustwhen they re-open with an updated look and new merchandise.

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Vols Set Stage with a Sunday Night

It's just about time, time for the 2004 season opener against UNLV Sept. 5 at Neyland Stadium. It's the first time in Neyland Stadium history for a Sunday night kickoff, and concludes a festive Labor Day weekend in Knoxville that also includes "Boomsday," the annual fireworks extravaganza on the river near the stadium.

There will be an ample amount of fireworks at General Neyland's stadium Sunday as Phillip Fulmer leads the Vols into the 108th season of intercollegiate football on The Hill.

The Vols are 736-303-53 (.698) over the time since that first game back in 1891 in Chattanooga. For his part, Fulmer has compiled a 113-28 record during his 12 years at Tennessee, with two SEC titles (1997, 1998) and the national crown in 1998.

The 2004 season marks a return to an 11-game season after playing 12 games each of the past two years. There's an impressive home schedule, marked by visits from Florida, Auburn, Alabama and Notre Dame.

Before long, preseason drills will be underway and then it will be time for the "Vol Walk" to the stadium. The majesty of Tennessee football will be upon us in a big way.

Here's a quick look at the schedule, with a look at the last time out against each opponent and a significant moment for each game.

UNLV, Sept. 5, Neyland Stadium, 8 p.m., Series Record, Tennessee 1-0. LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 62, UNLV 3, Aug. 31, 1996, at Neyland Stadium. Tennessee scored 21 points in the first quarter and never looked back en route to the one-sided triumph. A stadium record crowd of 106,212, 12th largest crowd in NCAA history at that time, saw the opening of the 75th year of football on the field by the river. Jay Graham and Mark Levine scored twice. Peyton Manning threw a 61-yard TD pass to Joey Kent and scored on a 1-yard run. Terry Fair and Eric Westmoreland scored after fumble recoveries.

EIGHT IN A ROW: The Vols play eight weeks in a row from Sept. 18 to Nov. 6, before an open date Nov. 13. The Vols played 10 in a row in 1985 from Sept. 26 through Nov. 30.

GREAT MOMENT IN UNLV SERIES: The Vols open an expanded Neyland Stadium with north upper deck addition and there hasn't been a crowd under 100,000 since.

Florida, Sept. 18, Neyland Stadium, 8 p.m. Series Record, Tennessee 18-15. LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 24, Florida 10, Sept. 20, 2003, at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Tennessee shocked the crowd of 90,332 with a 48-yard TD pass from Casey Clausen to James Banks on the final play of the first half and added 17 points in the second half to take its second consecutive win in the Swamp by 24-10. Jabari Davis scored twice and James Wilhoit added a 51-yard field goal, longest of his young career. Kevin Simon had 16 tackles and the Vols held the Gators to 73 yards rushing.

GREAT MOMENT IN FLORIDA SERIES: Tennessee won 31-14 in the rain in Knoxville in 1992 as Heath Shuler and Mose Phillips scored TDs and Vol defenders gave up but one score until the waning moments.

La. Tech, Sept. 25, Neyland Stadium, 7 p.m. Series Record, Tennessee 1-0. LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 50, La. Tech 0, Sept. 4, 1993, at Neyland Stadium. Heath Shuler threw two TD passes to Craig Faulkner and one to Cory Fleming, and Jerry Colquitt added a TD toss to Benjie Shuler to lead the Vols to the season-opening win. Aaron Hayden had 119 yards rushing for the Vols.

GREAT MOMENT IN LA. TECH SERIES: In the 1993 game against the Bulldogs, the Vols moved to the east side bench area after being on the west side since 1964. Tennessee kicked off a 10-2 season with a season-opening win.

Auburn, Oct. 2, Neyland Stadium, Series Record, Auburn 23-21-3. LAST TIME OUT: Auburn 28, Tennessee 21, Oct. 4, 2003, at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Tennessee looked dead in the water down on the Plains, trailing 28-7 in the fourth quarter. The Vols rallied for the last 14 points of the game and looked to be on the way to seven more before a Tiger interception foiled the comeback plans. Jabari Davis scored the Vols' first TD in the second quarter and Casey Clausen tossed TD passes to Mark Jones and Chris Hannon to fuel the comeback.

IF IT'S TENNESSEE AND AUBURN PLAYING IN KNOXVILLE, IT MIGHT BE RAINING: Tennessee and Auburn are 2-2 in "rain games" in Knoxville since 1957. The 1957 game was a 7-0 Tiger victory, followed by a 24-21 victory in 1961. The Vols evened the score under the rain drops with a 21-0 victory in 1973 and earned a 21-14 victory in 1989 that was one of the key victories in that SEC championship season.

GREAT MOMENT IN AUBURN SERIES: Carl Pickens caught an 87-yard TD pass from Andy Kelly, and freshman placekicker John Becksvoort knocked home three field goals as the

Cedric Houston was tabbed as a pre-season second team All-SEC selection by the coaches of the Southeastern Conference as released July 22. Houston figures to play a big role in the Big Orange's offensive game plans this season.

Vols won 30-21 in Knoxville. Tennessee-Auburn was a key early-season contest for both teams.

Georgia, Oct. 9, Sanford Stadium, Series Record, Tennessee 17-14-2, LAST TIME OUT: Georgia 41, Tennessee 14, Oct. 11, 2002, at Neyland Stadium. If ever one play decided the outcome of a game, this was it. Tennessee trailed 13-7 nearing halftime and seemed to have things going its way. The Vols were goalward bound until a fumble and 92-yard return by the Bulldogs gave the Bulldogs a 20-7 lead and momentum going to the second half. Casey Clausen had a 90-yard TD pass to Mark Jones in the second quarter for the longest pass play in Tennessee history, and C.J. Leak tossed a 15-yard pass to Chris Hannon for the final score of the night.

GREAT MOMENT IN GEORGIA SERIES: Jeff Hall booted the game-winner in 1995 to give the Vols a topsy-turvy 30-27 win over the Bulldogs in Peyton Manning's sophomore season.

Mississippi, Oct. 16, Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, Series Record, Tennessee 41-18-1, LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 31, Mississippi 17, Oct. 4, 1997, at Neyland Stadium. Tennessee scored on its final possession of the first half and twice in the first 1:57 of the second and went from there to a 31-17 victory in the first game in six years against the Rebels at Neyland Stadium. It was the breakout game for freshman running back Jamal Lewis, who gained 155 yards on 32 carries and scored the final TD of the day on a 42-yard run. Linebacker Al Wilson had 12 tackles, caused a fumble and had a sack in a decisive defensive performance.

FOUR GAMES AGAINST NOTRE DAME IN KNOXVILLE, FOUR DIFFERENT FIGHTING IRISH HEAD COACHES It may be a little hard to believe, but Notre Dame has come to school with four different head coaches since the Fighting Irish first came to Knoxville in 1979. Patrolling the Notre Dame sidelines in games against the Vols in Neyland Stadium have been Dan Devine (1979), Lou Holtz (1990), Bob Davie (1999), and Tyrone Willingham (2004).

GREAT MOMENT IN MISSISSIPPI SERIES: Tennessee knocked off the Rebels 18-16 in 1958 in one of the biggest upsets in the series. Tailback Gene Etter had a 75-yard run for the winning score, running out of his shoe midway during the run. The Rebels had a shot at the win in the final seconds, but misfired on a field goal at the south end.

Alabama, Oct. 23, Neyland Stadium, Series Record, Alabama 43-36-7, LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 51, Alabama 43, Oct. 25, 2003, at Bryant-Denny Stadium. Tennessee and Alabama cranked up a marathon that was not decided until a fourth- down pass went astray, and only then could Vols partisans breath easier. That the Vols were in overtime at all was something of a miracle. Late in the game, Vols defenders made the key stops and Casey Clausen led a game-tying drive that barely beat the game clock. It was punch and counter-punch all the way in overtime before Clausen scored the game-winner, followed by a two-point toss to James Banks.

Linebacker Kevin Simon was also tabbed as a pre-season second team All-SEC selection.

GREAT MOMENT IN ALABAMA SERIES: In the 1968 contest, Tennessee held a shaky 10-9 lead when Jimmy Weatherford blocked a last-second field goal attempt by the Tide to ensure the Vols victory.

South Carolina, Oct. 30, Williams-Brice Stadium, Series Record, Tennessee 18-2-2, LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 20, South Carolina 17, Sept. 27, 2003, at Neyland Stadium. In another overtime game, Casey Clausen found James Banks for the game-winner after Gamecock field goal gave USC the lead 23-20. In a tightly-played game, the Vols led 17-14 at the half, and regulation ended 20-20 as both defenses dominated. C.J. Fayton and Cedric Houston had TDs and James Wilhoit added a 33-yard field goal to give the Vols the halftime lead. It was another one of the tight contests that have proven to be rule rather than the exception in this series.

GREAT MOMENT IN SERIES: George Hunt booted a 31-yard field goal in the waning seconds to give the Vols a 20-18 win in the 1970 game at Columbia.

Notre Dame, Nov. 6, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Series Record, Tennessee 4-2-0, LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 28, Notre Dame 18, Nov. 3, 2001, at Notre Dame Stadium. Casey Clausen had the answer every time Notre Dame challenged the Vols, leading the way for a 28-18 victory that was not settled until the final moments when Clausen scored at the northeast corner with 35 seconds showing on the clock. The Vols trailed early in the third quarter, but Travis Stephens had a 3-yard TD run, and Clausen found Donte Stallworth with a 17-yard TD aerial. Tennessee led 21-18 before the Vols' last-second magic. Dominique Stevenson's interception set up the final TD and ultimate margin of victory.

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF GRASS: It was Sept. 17, 1994, when grass came back to Shields-Watkins Field for the first time since December 1967. Groundskeeper Bob Campbell reported that, during the summer, people came by his office at the stadium asking to watch the grass grow.

It was Tennessee's second victory in three tries at Notre Dame Stadium.

GREAT MOMENT IN NOTRE DAME SERIES: Hubert Simpson scored four times in the 1979 game, a 40-18 Vols victory in Notre Dame's first trip to Knoxville. Jimmy Streater led the way until being injured, and Jeff Olszewski took over from there.

Series Record Tennessee 66-26-5, LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 48, Vanderbilt 0, Nov. 22, 2003, at Neyland Stadium. In his final home game as a Vol, Mark Jones had a 58-yard punt return for a score, a team-leading three catches for 45 yards and a 51-yard interception return. His 216 all-purpose yards topped Vanderbilt's 191 total offense yards. Tennessee jumped to a 41-0 halftime lead, and that was that. It was the third shutout against the Commodores in the past four years.

GREAT MOMENT IN VANDERBILT SERIES: In 1987, Tennessee came back from a 28-3 deficit to post a 38-36 win behind the running of Reggie Cobb and William Howard.

Kentucky, Nov. 27, Neyland Stadium, Series Record, Tennessee 67-23-9, LAST TIME OUT: Tennessee 20, Kentucky 7, Nov. 29, 2003, at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington. Tennessee trailed early 7-0 in the season finale at Lexington, but scored the next 20 points of the game to seal the victory on a cold day at Commonwealth Stadium. James Wilhoit had a 33-yard field goal to cut the margin to 7-3 at halftime. Mark Jones had an 18-yard TD reception from Casey Clausen, and Cedric Houston scored in the final minutes to establish the final margin. The final drive took much of the fourth quarter and was capped by Houston's 10-yard TD run. The Vols had the ball 33:44 for the day.

GREAT MOMENT IN KENTUCKY SERIES: Tennessee won in 1950 7-0 in the famous game in the snow on Shields-Watkins Field. It was Hank Lauricella with a TD pass to Bert Rechichar in the second quarter at the northeast corner to give the Vols the game's only score. Both teams went on to bowl victories and claimed a share of somebody's national championship.

by Tom Mattingly

Chairback Seats Available for Season Ticket Holders in 2004

For 2004 season ticket holders, chairback seats will be available to enhance your enjoyment of Tennessee football at Neyland Stadium. For more information call 877-610-4140. There are a limited number of seats available, and they are sold on a first come first served basis.

If you're tired of knees in your back or generally being uncomfortable in your seat at Neyland Stadium, the athletic department has a solution. The University of Tennessee has partnered with GTM Sports Marketing in an ongoing effort to improve fan amenities in Neyland Stadium.

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To purchase Notre Dame and Florida tickets, fans can purchase a mini-season ticket package. The five game mini-season package is available to VASF donors at a $250 contribution level and allows donors to purchase two tickets to UNLV, Florida, Louisiana Tech, Notre Dame and Kentucky. The four game package is available to VASF donors at a $100 contribution level and allows donors to purchase two tickets to UNLV, Louisiana Tech, Notre Dame and Kentucky.

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TENNESSEE'S LEADING MAN...

Dr. John Petersen Begins New Era As University President

New University of Tennessee president Dr. John Petersen was still getting acquainted with his new digs on the eighth floor of Andy Holt Tower and the system over which he has stewardship when "THE CALL" came. That was Friday afternoon, July 9.

It wasn't just any call, but the White House checking in and asking him to be one of six persons to greet President George W. Bush when he came to Knoxville the next Monday and to accompany him to Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Dr. Petersen termed the whole deal "interesting," noting that Bush was the first sitting president he had shaken hands with.

"He was actually the one who asked me tough questions," Dr. Petersen said. "As he came down the ramp, the first thing he asked was 'Are you guys going to get a football national championship this year?'"

A bit taken aback, Dr. Petersen handled the question neatly. "I said 'We're working on it.' I said we are going to be better than a lot of people expect. We're going to be better the next year and the year after that."

Dr. Petersen thought for a moment and remembered his trump card.

"I will tell you one thing," he said. "I do plan to be at the White House with the women's basketball team this year. I didn't come the last three years when Connecticut did, but I think we'll get them this year, and I'll be happy to see you up there."

Bush's response: "That will be great."

Dr. Petersen added that he felt it "important" to be at Oak Ridge because of the UT-Battelle partnership with Oak Ridge. "There was a large audience, and it was very nice of Senator Frist to arrange for me to greet the president and be in the motorcade," he said. "It was nice to hear what he had to say, but, more importantly, to hear it with our partners we feel very committed to."

Dr. John Petersen became the 23rd president for the University of Tennessee when he took office July 1.

"The roles of academics and athletics are not in conflict, but are usually supportive. This is a fortunate institution in that the monies involved in athletics are generated by the athletic program. Having subsidies at most institutions, the complaint is always how much money is being taken away from academic priorities to put into athletics. That is not the case here. The athletic department supports scholarships on the academic side."

DR. JOHN PETERSEN

That part of his early tenure aside, Dr. Petersen has settled in at Tennessee and is working on putting his own special imprint on the university.

"My general mantra is to leave a place better than when I arrived," Dr. Petersen said. "You do that by creating opportunities for others to succeed. Governor Bredesen made it very clear to me during the short visit I had when he met with all three of the finalists the night before the selection process.

"Gov. Bredesen's expectation was that the University of Tennessee would supply leadership in higher education in the state to skyrocket our position nationally as an institution to help the state quality of life and economic development. That is exactly the way I approach what a higher institution should do.

"My goal is to really be strategic in terms of what we do, but build excellence in those things we build and generate national and international prominence in those areas. We want to make this institution a pinnacle in the Southeast in public higher education and very competitive nationally."

Closer to home, Dr. Petersen said he learned a great deal about UT from his tenure at Clemson and his work with the American Chemical Society.

"I knew a lot about the university through its chemistry department from my tenure at Clemson from 1980-94," he said. "It's always been one of the key institutions in the Southeast. I've visited here a couple of times and been to Oak Ridge before coming down here as part of my professional life. I had a general concept of the campus.

"The institution has always had a good institutional reputation in the Southeast. Most of that is looking at it from a chemist's point of view. There are some absolutely outstanding programs. I don't think we've probably moved up as far as what I would like to see as far as our academic programs. I'll focus on working with the chancellors in terms of building strong academic programs on

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our campuses."

He comes to Knoxville off a unique experience at Connecticut when the Huskies' men's and women's team each won the national crown in basketball. It was, in his words, a "a pretty special occurrence."

It was a possibility that became a probability.

"Both teams were a preseason number 1," he said. "The men's team ran into a struggle early on, and, in the middle of the season, the women's team sputtered a little bit. One good thing about Jim Calhoun is that he had his team playing its best basketball in March and early April.

"Geno is Geno. He had good players and continued to work with them and go forward. We were all very excited to be the first school in the country to win the two championships in the same year."

In saying all that, he also threw some garlands Pat Summitt's way, highlighting the job she did getting her charges through a number of minefields to earn the number 1 seed and make it to the championship game.

"The real success story in the women's program is what Pat did," he said. "This was not touted to be best year for her in terms of the talent she had. You always have the up and down years as the seniors graduate. She had a good team, but maybe not what people viewed to be an excellent team. To go to the final game and have the opportunity to win it all playing against probably one of the most talented teams was a hard uphill battle for Pat. I think she did a fantastic job."

Dr. Petersen took the opportunity to discuss the balance between athletics and academics in terms of the way they can (and should) work together.

"The roles of academics and athletics are not in conflict, but are usually supportive," he said. "This is a fortunate institution in that the monies involved in athletics are generated by the athletic program. Having subsidies at most institutions, the complaint is always how much money is being taken away from academic priorities to put into athletics. That is not the case here. The athletic department supports scholarships on the academic side.

The focus has to be on the "student" and "athlete" in the term student-athlete and how you express concern for both elements of the equation.

"What you really want to do is to have a focus on the fact that you're interested in student-athletes, the operative words being both students and athletes. When you have athletic directors and coaches here who care about all aspects of what students do and work hard to enable those students' success as individuals, as performers and as students, then I think everything is going in the right direction.

"What you're doing is trying to achieve excellence in everything you do. My experience in higher education is that a strong athletic program is a benefit to an academic enterprise when it's done with enthusiasm, integrity and an idea of how it helps teach learning and life experiences to students who go through this program."

When asked if there were a connection between success on the playing field and success in the university setting, he knew about it first-hand from his time at Clemson.

"There is a connection," he said. "I remember in 1981 at Clemson they won the national championship in football. I know the quantity and quality of applicants to the freshman class the next year went up phenomenally. The same thing goes in fundraising. People say if you have an athletic program people are giving to, it's going to hurt academics, but the best prospects for donations to academics are those people who are donating to athletics and vice versa."

It's a case of preparation meeting opportunity, the way people look at the university and how that perspective can be broadened from a single area on campus to the entire area.

"Whatever window they have into the university is a window that lets them look at everything," he said. "There are people who are only interested in athletics or only interested in academics, but there is a large group of people who find their way into the institution through whatever channel and grow fondness for the institution.

"They see and become interested in a broad perspective of programs. They have a tendency to support a broad perspective of programs. I've never believed it's been a one versus the other. There's quality on both sides to enhance the whole university."

Dr. Petersen says it's exciting when everything comes together in terms of selling the university and its programs. "For those of us who have been around the university our whole lives, the exciting things that happen sometimes become expected," he said. "You get somebody outside the university looking in and not knowing what they're seeing or being exposed to cutting-edge programs throughout the university that could make a difference.

"You're able to bring people with resources in and expose them to these programs in which they can see the excitement. When you get to the point people are anxious about giving money to programs, they can see themselves living their lives through the programs they're enhancing. It becomes a passion. You're giving them the opportunity to be fulfilled, knowing that what they're doing is making a difference."

He said he was looking forward to seeing his many friends at Connecticut when the Lady Vols go to Hartford in January 2005. "People were sad to see us go and wished us well in everything except the game," he said.

What about the volatile Geno Auriemma, who once referred to the Lady Vol program as the "evil empire?" What is he really like?

"The people in Storrs (Conn.) might ask the same question," he said, turning the tables on his interviewer. "Geno and Pat are different personalities, but they share a lot in common. They are both intensely committed to the students in their program, to excellence and to the sacrifice it takes to attain success. They have different styles. The two of them have probably done more for women's athletics collegiately in this country than any other two people I can imagine."

He recounted a story about Pat Summitt from the 2001 NCAA tournament in San Antonio. Connecticut defeated the Lady Vols in the semifinals and got an unexpected visitor after the game.

"Pat came into the locker room and told the players how very well they played and they should be enormously proud," he said. "That was the year Connecticut wasn't supposed to win. It was supposed to be a down year when Diana Taurasi was a sophomore. The super seniors had graduated. Pat wished them all the best.

"That probably came as a surprise to all the Connecticut fans who thought Pat was just this competitive person and that was the only face they ever saw, because they only saw the game face. The team really appreciated having a coach of that stature come in and say that."

He's now the head man at the University of Tennessee, an institution with a proud record of academics and public service, not to mention a nationally recognized athletic program. There are a number of great moments in the offing that will bear his imprint.

Like Pat Summitt and the others in leadership on campuses across the Volunteer State, he brings great stature to his position.

There are many great challenges, but with great challenges come great opportunity. Look for him to make the most of it all.

by Tom Mattingly

NEW LIFE FOR AN OLD STADIUM FOR THE NEXT

The University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium, once described as the epicenter of the life of Vols fans, has been outwardly quiet since the win over Vanderbilt last November, but, even when things are quiet, Neyland Stadium is still stirring emotions for Tennessee fans.

The feelings the stadium engenders and the tradition contained therein is the reason Mike Hamilton announced an ambitious master plan to prepare the stadium for the next 75 years.

"Neyland Stadium is physically healthy for its current age," said Mike Rollo, assistant athletic director facilities, "however, if you look behind the curtain, you can find that the age is showing -- especially when compared to state-of-the-art facilities built in the past few years.

"The master plan for Neyland Stadium will center on what we can do to bring this classic stadium into the 21st century and make it more fan-friendly. The master plan's major goal is to produce a roadmap for long-term needs, and we will not have the final version of this plan until late this fall.

"We are currently making some minor improvements to problem concourse areas, but major upgrades will likely involve expansion into the oldsouth and east stadium dormitory spaces.

"This is a major priority to improve the stadium experience for all fans. As part of this concourse renovation, addition of club-type seating is an element that would meet current demands and also provide recurring income to pay for many of the overall improvements to the stadium."

Rollo said that other areas under consideration include creation of an entry plaza on the north end, expansion of the gated perimeter of the stadium, and greatly improved graphics, both internal and external.

"These type of changes were extensively mentioned in the 'ASK MIKE' suggestions made to Mike Hamilton this past spring," Rollo said.

There's something really special about the ancient and creaking stadium by the Tennessee River.

There are memories by the bushel and relationships formed that span the ages. No one knows how many people first got to know their spouse at a Tennessee football game. No one knows how many long-time friendships have been engendered down the rows of Section A, Section K or Section W.

No one can forget the first time they walked into this magnificent edifice and saw the majestic field below. Fans will not forget Butler's run in 1939, the comeback against Alabama in 1950, the march to the SEC titles in 13 different seasons, Johnny Majors' debut in 1954 and his return home in 1977, or the trip to the national championship in 1998. Every yard marker, every corner

(Above) An east side restroom showing small stall, poor lighting and the ravages of age. (Below) A remodeled restroom on the west side with new facilities, flooring and a more spacious look.

In one of the remodeled parts of the stadium on the north side, a look at a spacious section of concourse, which is used by thousands of fans in that area each home game.

(Left) The First Aid room on the stadium's east side showing how workers continue to provide emergency care despite cramped and outdated conditions. (Right) A concession stand under the east side where food is served, showing more tough working conditions as there is little space and poor ventilation.

of the stadium is special.

It's not hard to imagine what it was like when Tennessee defenders stopped Billy Cannon at the goal on the northeast corner in 1959, the goalline stand at the southwest corner against Notre Dame just before halftime in the 1979 game, the 43-yard-line south end, west side, where Tennessee got a second chance against Arkansas in 1998 and made the most of it, and the sidelines where many of college football's finest have walked for the past 73 years.

Despite 16 additions over the years, the stadium has done pretty well for itself. Last year, the 25 millionth fan walked through the gates. It wasn't too many years ago that Neyland Stadium was named the nation's best by *The Sporting News*.

Anyone who was there in 1921 for the first games in the 3220-seat section on the west side would have to be impressed with the stadium's development over the years, as addition after addition came and more and more Vols fans poured through the turnstiles.

As students became alumni, greater demands were placed on stadium capacity, and it always seemed that there were more people wanting tickets than there were seats.

It is interesting to read the accounts of overflow crowds in the mid-1930s, just as there are games in the 1990s and 2000s where the stadium is just not big enough. An overflow crowd of 20,000 showed up for the 1936 game against Duke, for example.

The Blue Devils had things pretty much their way until Red Harp, the "Pineville Flash," returned a punt 70 yards for a score in the final seconds to give the Vols the win. In the 1937 game against Alabama, another overflow crowd saw the Vols lose a tight decision.

Walking through the stadium on a quiet June morning is still an impressive experience, even as life goes on to prepare the stadium for another season. You can see and feel the great moments of a great tradition in the mind's eye.

You wonder what the next 75 years will be like and what young men in orange jerseys can do to top the already historic events occurring in this storied venue. One thing is sure; the best is yet to come.

The pictures accompanying this story tell the story of the infrastructure of the stadium as it exists today.

Walking through the stadium with Rollo and two reporters from *The Daily Beacon* brought it all home. The stadium itself is a marvel, aging gracefully from its additions in every decade except the 1950s.

You could only imagine your home, any home, that had additions 16 different times over the years, but Neyland Stadium has absorbed those additions quite well.

We walked from north to south down the east side, down into the visitors area under the south stands and finally up the west side and got an inside view of stadium's short-term future.

"Initial efforts are being focused on 'creature comforts,'" Rollo said. "There will be special emphasis on more and better restrooms, improved and expanded concession areas, and wider concourses. To that end, major efforts will focus on infrastructure, e.g. electrical upgrades, better concourse lighting and water and sewage issues."

The interesting thing is how the stadium "fits," despite the additions in the 1930s, 1940s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. The design team in place each time the stadium was expanded did yeoman-like work in pulling all of this together.

But those additions, good as they were at the time, have come with a price. Time moves on and, with new stadiums on the horizon in many cities, the need is there for improvements to the grand old stadium on the river to benefit the paying customers and those who serve them as well.

"Major improvements are a slow process," Rollo said, noting that any project exceeding $100,000 requires approval from the Tennessee State Building Commission, and that is typically an 18- to 24-month procedure before any construction begins. "Therefore, we are limited to relatively minor projects until the master plan is completed and we are able to lay out an overall schedule of construction and reconstruction."

The challenge therefore is to blend the old and the new, to meet the needs of the fans in 2004 and beyond and still keep the magic contained on a piece of property bought by Mr. and Mrs. Shields near the river in the early 1900s. T

by Tom Mattingly

Olympic Rosters Have Flavor of Orange Sprinkled In

The hillside of Athens, Greece will see a lot of orange this summer, as nine former and current Vols and six Lady Vols will take their place aiming for Olympic glory.

Leading the way for current Tennessee contingents is reigning NCAA 400 meter outdoor champion Dee Dee Trotter, who finished third at the Olympic Trials in Sacramento, Calif. Trotter, a native of Cedar Grove High School in Decatur, Ga., toppled her own school record with a 50.28 clocking to earn third place and become the first active Lady Vol track and field Olympian since LaVonna Martin did so in the 100-meter hurdles in 1988. Trotter is also the first UT non-senior to earn a spot in the games since 1984, when Ilrey Oliver (4x400 meter relay/400 meters) ran for Jamaica at the end of her sophomore season and Patricia Walsh (discus) threw for Ireland at the conclusion of her junior campaign.

"The race is a blur right now," Trotter said. "My goal was to come out here and make the team, and I did that. I am really looking forward to going to the Olympics.

"I was inspired by a medallion given to me by my mother. It says 'sweet victory' on the front, and on the back it says Lord, guide my feet while I run this race."

Her Lady Vols track coach couldn't agree more.

"Everything has fallen into place, and she's developed into one of the nation's best quarter milers. She is still young in her event, with this only being her second year in it, but she possesses a lot of God-given ability," said head women's track coach J.J. Clark.

As she always seems to do, Trotter began to bring closure to the gap as she made the turn down the home stretch. While she would run down Cox to gain the third Olympic berth, catching the sub-50 Hennagan and Richards was not quite within her grasp on this day.

"I'm known as a closer and someone who finishes very strong, but I'm working on being in closer striking distance," Trotter said. "It's still a work in progress. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, because I'm still relatively new to this event, and there is more to learn and more that I can give.

Clark's wife (Jearl Miles-Clark) and sister (Hazel Clark) finished first and third in the 800 meters, while former Lady Vol Kamiesha Bennett finished fourth and current Lady Vol Nicole Cook finished seventh in the same event.

400M specialist Dee Dee Trotter is going to Athens after taking third in the 400M Olympic Trials. She had the second fastest time in the semi-finals. She is the reigning 400M collegiate champion, having won the title this past spring.

In the men's track and field events, there were a few surprises, but not many, led by former Vol Tim Mack who captured gold at the trials with a vault of 19 –4 / on his first attempt. Mack out dueled world leader Toby Stevenson to bring home the gold medal, while former Vol Lawrence Johnson fell short of his bid to return to the Olympics. Johnson is the only former Vol to ever medal at the Olympics in track and field.

Elsewhere on the track, former Vol Justin Gatlin blazed a trail to Greece with his second-place finish in the 100m, with a personal record of 9.92 while record holder Maurice Green finished just a hair ahead with a 9.91 finish. Leonard Scott missed the team after finishing eighth in the finals (10.35).

Departing senior Leigh Smith finished in the top three of the javelin, one of the requirements to make the U.S. team. However, the three-time All-America honoree has not yet launched a throw to match the Olympic `A' standard of 268-4. Smith has until Aug. 9 to meet the standard and will likely enter a last chance meet in hopes of surpassing that distance.

The Tennessee two of Gatlin and Scott also made waves in the 200 qualifying. Gatlin reserved a lane in his second event at the upcoming Olympics after finishing second in the 200 finals with a 20.01 time Sunday. Gatlin finished just two-hundredths of a second behind training partner Shawn Crawford, who took third behind Gatlin in the 100 finals.

In the 200 qualifying, Gatlin's 20.06 stood as the day's second-fastest time. Scott also advanced with a 20.62, the 16th-fastest qualifying time. In the 200 quarterfinals, Gatlin advanced with a 20.09, tied for the second-fastest time of the round. Scott moved on, as well, advancing with an eighth-place, 20.51. In the semifinal, Gatlin moved on with a 20.50 time, the eighth and final qualifier. Scott finished ninth in 20.57, the fastest non-qualifier, to close his respectable return to the track.

Tom Pappas also will be making the trip to Athens to compete in the decathlon after qualifying for his second Olympics to the delight of the Greek populace. Pappas finished second to Bryan Clay to earn his USA uniform. Pappas accumulated 8,517 points to earn silver. Clay finished with a score of 8,660.

" I'm extremely happy I made the team," Pappas said. "I would have liked to win the event, and I'm disappointed with my score. Physically, I feel like I'm in the best shape ever. I just wasn't sharp in the high jump or the throws. I'm proud of my (Greek) heritage. I think the (people of Greece) are excited about me going to Athens, and I feel honored about that. I hope I give them something to cheer about."

Pappas' first-day highlights included a win in the shot put with a 52-1 heave and a second-place, 24-7 fl measurement in the long jump. On the second day, Pappas concluded his decathlon with a win in the 110 hurdles in 14.23 and fourth-place finishes in the pole vault (16-4 fl) and javelin

(199-4).

However, former Vol Stephen Harris' decathlon ended after a miss at 13-5/in the pole vault, the eighth of the 10 events. Harris won the 400 in 46.87 to put an exclamation point on the end of the first day. Harris also finished second in the high jump with a 6-10 fl leap. Tennessee head coach Bill Webb coaches both Pappas and Harris.

Additionally, former Vol Chad Smith pulled out of the decathlon on the first day after the high jump, the fourth of the 10 events. Smith finished seventh in the shot put with a 48-1/effort.

Anthony Famiglietti, now running for adidas and training under Tennessee assistant coach George Watts in Knoxville, wrote his Olympics ticket by taking runner-up honors in a high-pressure steeplechase final. Famiglietti had not yet met the Olympic `A' qualifying standard this year, so the former Vol not only had to finish in the top three but also make sure he got to the finish line faster than 8:24.60 or chance being left at home for the Olympics. Famiglietti filled the bill, finishing second in a lifetime-best 8:17.91. He led about two-thirds of the race before Daniel Lincoln took the lead. Lincoln won the steeplechase in 8:15.02.

Former Vol Jebreh Harris sewed together one of his best meets to advance through the gauntlet to the 800 finals on Monday. Harris, now competing for Holyfield International and training under Watts in Knoxville, finished sixth in the 800 finals in 1:46.66. Harris went out with a sense of purpose and led the field at the halfway mark but couldn't hang on for one of the top-three spots.

Former Vol Justin Gatlin will run the 100m and the 200m for the USA.

Former Vol Tom Pappas has distinguished himself as a decathlete, in his quest for Olympic gold.

Former Vol Gary Kikaya will also make the trip to Athens for the Democratic Republic of Congo to compete in the 400 meters. , Karl Jennings (110 hurdles-Canada) and Sean Lambert (100-Grenada) also hope to compete in the Olympics for their homelands.

The Vols will also be represented well as three former swimmers punched their ticket to the Olympics as Paulo Machado of Brazil, Ricky Busquets of Puerto Rico and Raymond Rosal of Venezuela will be making chartered flights to Athens as well. Machado, a native of Racife, Brazil, earned his way by making one of the top spots in the backstroke, while Rosal gets to go as part of the freestyle contingent.

Also making the trip to Athens is former Lady Vol Tamika Catchings, who earned her spot on the USA National team. Catchings is currently playing in the WNBA for the Indiana Fever. Catchings helped lead Team USA to a 13-0 record through the spring training run with wins over Cuba, Europe and the united States. She was a the runner-up for the WNBA League's MVP award after ranking third in the league in scoring, sixth in rebounding and 13th in assists. She was named to the WNBA All-Star Game for the second consecutive year. Current Vol C.J. Watson missed the final cut of Team USA.

by Volunteers Magazine Staff

BERTELKAMP ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP

Former Vols Hank and Bert Continue

Bert Bertelkamp is passionate about basketball, particularly Tennessee basketball.

"Sometimes I just want to step over the table and get on the court," he says with a laugh. "I tend to do a little coaching, but most of all I have to keep myself from getting on the referees. You do get excited, because when you're that close and you want to win, you can't help it."

For two and a half hours every time the Vols step onto the court, Bertelkamp is the paintbrush that brightens a Tennessee basketball game. If play-by-play man Bob Kesling is the radio listener's eyes, Bertelkamp is the glasses. This season, he'll begin his sixth year as color analyst for the Vol Network's radio broadcasts.

"Bob wanted somebody to help him, and he wanted somebody who was an ex-player to provide a unique perspective," Bertelkamp says. "I had no training or background in broadcasting. But in my position, I just comment on the action. Because of the great relationship I have with Bob and his professionalism and reputation in broadcasting, it has become a lot of fun. I first thought I might do it for two years or so, but now I've done it five years."

His father, Hank, attends all the home games. But for each road game the past five years, he's got his radio dialed in.

"Obviously, I'm very proud to listen to him on the radio," Hank says. "He calls it like it is."

They both know how it is.

In Hank Bertelkamp's varsity era of 1951-53 at Tennessee, he averaged 8.9 points per game as a forward in his three years under coach Emmett Lowery. He was captain of the squad in 1953, when he ranked third on the team in scoring at 14.3 points and grabbed 7.5 rebounds per game as a senior. The Vols were 36-30 in his time on The Hill, which has lasted a lifetime due to his love for the university.

Nearly 30 years later, Bert carried the torch as guard for the Vols from 1976-80. He began in the Ray Mears years, but Stu Aberdeen was acting head coach during the 1976-77 season in which Mears was sidelined with health problems. The following season, Cliff Wettig was acting head coach, and Don DeVoe took over in the 1978-79 season. Bertelkamp switched from shooting guard his sophomore year, when he averaged 11.4 points, to point guard as a junior under DeVoe and started handing out assists.

Bertelkamp averaged 6.1 points and dished out a total of 332 assists in his career, ranking ninth on Tennessee's all-time list. He led the team in 1980 by giving 5.3 assists per game. That year, he would've set an NCAA record for assists in a postseason game when he dished 16 against Maryland, but the statistic wasn't officially recognized by the NCAA until 1983.

The Vols claimed the 1976-77 Southeastern Conference championship and the 1979 SEC tournament title with Bert in the backcourt. The three-year starter helped guide Tennessee to three NCAA tournaments in his four years as a Vol.

"The Bertelkamp name has been associated with Tennessee basketball for more than 50 years," says John Currie, associate athletic director for external operations.

And they're looking to keep it that way forever.

The Bertelkamps have become the newest members of the Nathan Dougherty Society by pledging to establish a basketball scholarship endowment fund. The pledge promises one full scholarship endowment for a basketball student-athlete.

"Tennessee basketball has meant a lot to me in my life," says Hank, who helped start the booster organization called the Orange Tie Club during Mears' era. "We think the world of coach Buzz Peterson and what he's doing at Tennessee, and we want him to have the best of success."

"I think it's important for people at UT or wherever, if your university means something to you and you're in a good position, then you should try to give back," Bert says. "We wanted to help the basketball program. I hope we can have an impact in a positive way, because we feel strongly about the leadership from Buzz and his staff, athletic director Mike Hamilton and his staff and the way the athletic department is headed."

The endowment continues a tradition of former student-athletes lending a hand to their alma mater for the continuation of athletic success.

"It is very special to again have former student-athletes step forward and visibly demonstrate their sense of ownership in wanting their sport to continue to grow and prosper at UT," Currie says. "This tremendous gift and commitment is an important step towards our eventual goal of endowing all athletic scholarships. By creating the Bertelkamp basketball endowment fund, Hank and Bert are again showing their willingness to be leaders for their sport, university and community."

The Bertelkamps operate their own company, Bertelkamp Automation, Inc. – a factory automation distributor for the Southeast that Hank started in 1975. Leadership and loyalty to Tennessee have always been present since the eldest Bertelkamp came from Louisville, Ky., and suited up in orange and white. But some things on the hardwood have changed in 50 years.

"We ran a fast-break offense all the time," Hank says. "If you had a shot, you shot it. The major difference was that you played 40 minutes. You didn't come out of the game, and you didn't want to come out."

Hank says he can remember beating LSU 82-68 in Knoxville when the Tigers had future hall of fame member Bob Pettit. "Of course, the next year, we went down there and they beat us pretty well," Hank remembers.

He also notes playing on the freshman basketball squad with football great Doug Atkins and baseball star B.B. Hopkins. "We would scrimmage the varsity squad and beat them sometimes," he says. "We scrimmaged them one Wednesday and won. Emmett Lowery was the coach and thought that was a bad idea at the time. But the varsity went on to beat Kentucky that weekend."

The 66-53 win in Knoxville Jan. 14, 1950, over the second-ranked Wildcats was the only time Tennessee beat Kentucky between 1945 and 1960 – a span of 33 games.

By the time Bert came along, Adolph Rupp was gone from Kentucky and so was the string of losses. Tennessee held a 6-3 record against the Wildcats while young Bertelkamp was on the team.

"I didn't push him to choose UT, but I sure was happy when he decided to go there," Hank says. "He settled in Knoxville and now runs our family business. I'm very proud of the way he played and the tradition he's continued."

Thanks to the endowment, the tradition will still continue. T

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

REDEMPTION A GOOD

"Don't you drop me," Pat Summitt yelled down to Cindy Noble Hauserman as she supported the coach's shoulder.

The Americans had just won their first Olympic gold medal in basketball during the 1984 games in Los Angeles, and Noble Hauserman and the 11 other team members balanced Summitt above their heads and carried their mentor off their home floor.

Noble Hauserman wasn't a starter on the 1984 Olympic team, but the former Lady Vol was third in scoring at 8.7 points, second in field-goal percentage at 72.4 percent and scored 10 in the gold-medal game against South Korea, which was an 85-55 rout. The Americans outscored their opponents by an average of 32.7 points, but it wasn't that easy for Noble Hauserman. She had worked hard to even get on the team – she was 25 and three years removed from college. She played professionally for one year in Italy and two years in Japan as a warmup. "It was perfect for what I needed," she says of her international preparation.

But what she wanted was redemption.

Four years earlier, between her junior and senior years at Tennessee, she made the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, along with Lady Vols teammates Holly Warlick and Jill Rankin. Summitt was an assistant coach on the team, which won the qualifying bracket in Varna, Bulgaria, with a 6-1 record and was favored to win the gold. But dreams were crushed and players were left with what-ifs after the United States boycotted the Olympic Games in Moscow to protest the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979.

"Shortly after we got back from qualifying in Varna, we received the news," says Noble Hauserman, who played for the Lady Vols from 1979-81. "We hoped it wasn't our last opportunity to compete in the Olympics."

For Rankin and Warlick, it was.

"Our feeling was that we didn't care about the political aspects that were going on," Warlick says. "We just wanted to play. But Cindy got redemption, and I was happy for her. It speaks highly of her to be able to come back and play for two Olympic teams."

"Making the 1984 Olympic team and winning the gold medal absolutely made up for 1980," Noble Hauserman says.

Before she was playing for gold, though, Noble Hauserman had to decide whether to play for blue, red or orange.

She was heavily recruited out of high school in Clarksburg, Ohio, and narrowed her choice to three schools. Morehead State's program was on the rise at the time. Ohio State was close to home, and her friends were going there. Then there was Tennessee's Summitt. The lively coach had tutored Noble Hauserman on an ABA/USA basketball team in California. But the journey was short-lived – she got homesick and returned to Ohio before competition began.

Noble Hauserman chose to become a Buckeye. "But the day I told Pat I was going to Ohio State, I felt sick at my stomach that I had made that decision," she says.

The next summer, her father drove her to Knoxville. She was transferring to Tennessee. "Pat had so much respect from everyone, even though she had only been at Tennessee four years," Noble Hauserman says. "Of course, it scared me half to death to play for her."

"She was the missing link to our puzzle," says Warlick, who was a junior for Noble Hauserman's 1978 arrival at Tennessee.

Noble Hauserman was 6-foot-5 on a team full of guards. She still stands as the second-tallest player in Lady Vols history. Her height made her unique, as most post players at the time were just above 6-0. Her passion and ability, however, made her successful.

The center averaged 14.5 points and 7.3 rebounds in three years at Tennessee, and the Lady Vols went 88-20 with Noble Hauserman in orange. Being an anchor in the middle, Noble Hauserman led the Southeastern Conference in field-goal percentage and helped the Lady Vols win the 1980 conference championship. That year she was named to the SEC All-Tournament team and propelled Tennessee to its first AIAW tournament finals appearance. She was a Kodak All-America selection her senior year and a 1981 Wade Trophy finalist for the best women's basketball player. The Lady Vols lost in the SEC tournament, but won 15 straight to get to the AIAW finals again.

"When people find out I played for the Lady Vols, they respect me automatically," says the 2000 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee. "That's because of what the program has done since I was there."

Noble Hauserman graduated with a degree in elementary education before playing professionally for three years. After the 1984 Olympics, she had coaching stops at Kentucky, where she met her husband, Mark, and at Centre College, where she and Mark had their two children, Logan and Trevor. But balancing her coaching duties – she had no assistants at Centre – along with raising a family was difficult, and Noble Hauserman put down her whistle. "My husband's company opened a branch in Knoxville, so we moved there for two years," Noble Hauserman says. "I wasn't coaching – I was just being a mother and enjoying Lady Vols basketball."

They returned to her Ohio hometown, where she began coaching girls' high school basketball and teaching special education. She changed schools and completed her third year at Westfall High School this past season. Teaching can be trying, but it's rewarding, she says. As for coaching, she learned from one of the best in Summitt. "A lot of people say I look like her on the sidelines," says Noble Hauserman, who is hinting of a retirement to watch her children play. "I'm not quite sure if I have the stare, but people say I have the intensity."

It's been 20 years since Noble Hauserman's golden achievement in Los Angeles. And she'll always be able to hear Summitt worrying about being dropped during that inaugural American gold-medal celebration. The U.S. basketball team has won gold at three of the four Olympiads since that 1984 triumph. While the Americans will be looking to do so again this summer, Noble Hauserman will be thinking of the night the gold was hung around her neck.

"During the ceremonies when they award the medals, I just sit and get very emotional," she says. "But it's a good emotion."

by Josh Pate

FELLOW LETTERMEN,

In just a couple of weeks, the football Vols kick off the 2004 season against UNLV (Sunday Sept. 5th at 8 p.m.). In conjunction with the season opener, all former Tennessee football players are invited to a reunion. Each player will receive two free tickets, a game jersey, participate in the Vol Walk, invitation to a private tailgate party and be introduced on the field at halftime. A registration form can be downloaded from the Web site (www.utsports.com and click on the Lettermen's Club icon).

A very important note to all Lettermen's Club members: make sure your club dues are current. One of the big perks for T-Club members is the opportunity to purchase football season tickets. If you fail to pay your dues, will be lose your season tickets. Dues are currently $25 per year, $100 for five years or $500 for a lifetime membership. If you have questions about your membership status, contact Judy Constantine in the T-Club office at 865-974-9054 or e-mail at t-club@utk.edu. Please also remember to contact us if your address changes.

The Lettermen's Club Fall Weekend is scheduled for Nov. 5 and 6 (Tennessee vs. Notre Dame). Mark your calendars now and watch for further details via the Web site and mail.

Remember to join all former University of Tennessee Lettermen in the T-Club room before every home football game. Our room is located in Thompson-Boling Arena with the entrance to the left of the ticket office. The T-Club room opens up three and one-half hours before kickoff. We provide drinks, snacks and several TVs to watch other games.

If you have questions or comments about the University of Tennessee Lettermen's Club, e-mail me at rensor@icx.net. See you this fall.

Go Vols,
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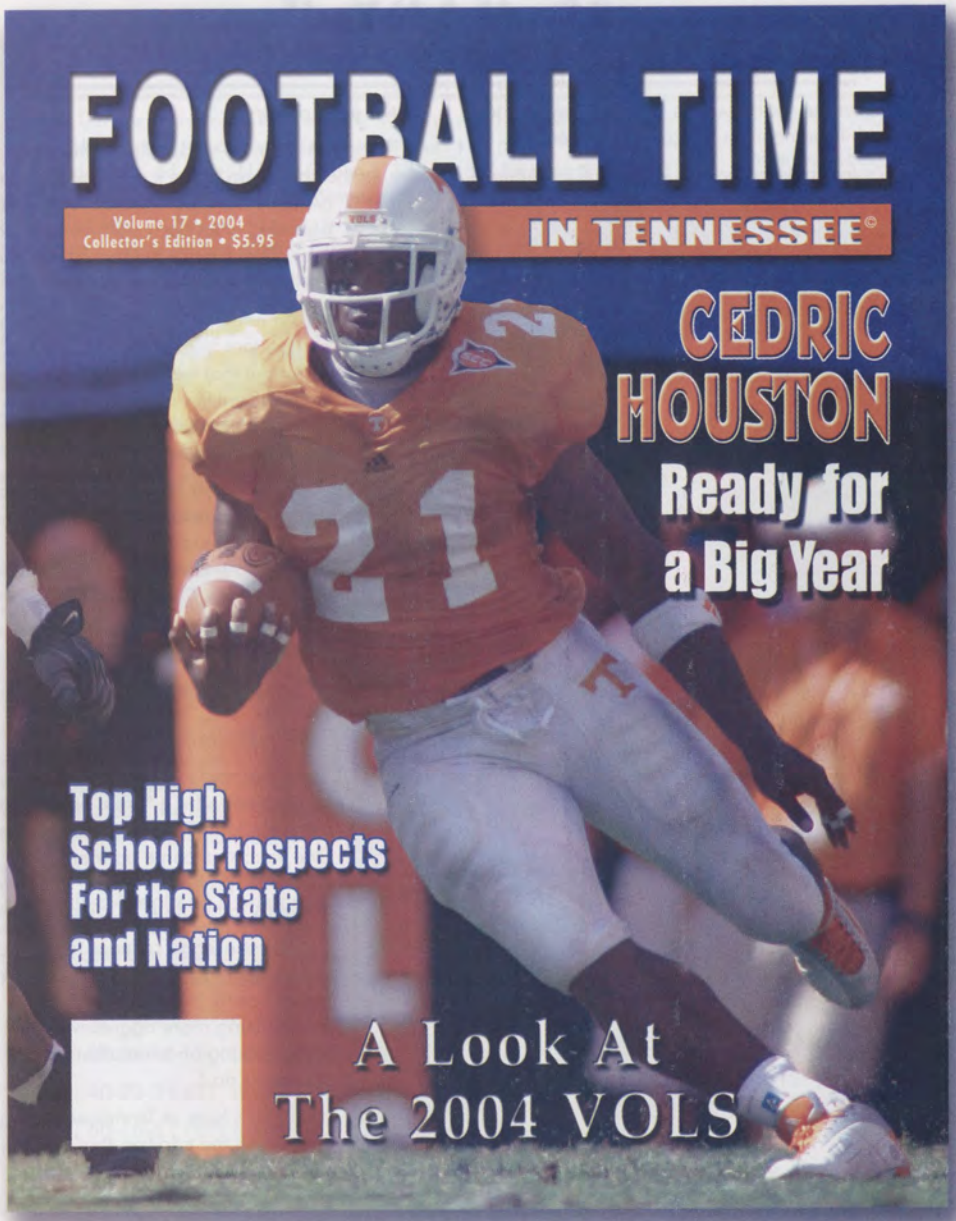

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Chris Fuller: "Tennessee Athletics Means So Much to So Many."

Newly hired assistant athletic director for sales and marketing Chris Fuller catches on quickly.

On the job since June 14, he says he starts every day with a simple injunction, a simple philosophy, determining "what will be in the best interest of our fans and our clients and finding what will enhance their experience with Tennessee sports." Those aspects of his job are "critical," he says.

In his job description are such major challenges as cultivating corporate partner relationships, developing and implementing season ticket and group sales programs and marketing and promotional plans for both men's and women's departments.

He comes back to the college campus after a nearly 10-year absence. He had worked at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, from 1991-95. During his tenure at UNC, current Lady Vols head soccer coach Angela Kelly was making a name for herself on the UNC soccer field.

More recently, Fuller served as a consultant for the Mid-American Conference, Bowling Green State University and Troy State University. Prior to that, he served as vice-president of collegiate marketing for the Cleveland Cavaliers and Gund Arena, where he led the fomration of Gund Sports Marketing business unit.

He looks to make his mark in a program that comes with a position of strength, yet has unlimited potential in maximizing those strengths.

"The University of Tennessee and the University of North Carolina are similar in what each institution means to their constituencies," he said. "They are prized jewels in their respective states. Their meaning to each community is important.

"The University of Tennessee is fortunate to have two national brands, what with Volunteer football and Lady Vols basketball."

His challenge, he says, is quite simple. "I've always had a passion for college athletics," he said. "Like the University of North Carolina, the University of Tennessee has such a great tradition, so much inherent value, and means so much, I want to treat it with the value and respect it deserves."

Expanding on that idea, he talked about the university being perfectly positioned to have a solid footing in the collegiate sports marketplace, citing the role of Host Communications and Action Sports Media.

"Tennessee is fortunate to have two good partners to represent us," he said. "It is one of a few schools in the country which can sell itself on the basis of its numbers in the corporate arena.

"It's top three every year in football attendance and licensed merchandise and is solid in basketball attendance on both the men's and women's side. There are not a lot of places that can make that claim."

He said he's looking forward to seeing Neyland Stadium and Thompson-Boling Arena in person and evaluating the challenges and opportunities each present.

That clean slate, he said, helps in the long term. In the short term, there's a learning curve being back in the university setting and assessing what each staff member can offer. Then there's the fans, the cornerstone of the Tennessee program.

"An ongoing dialogue with our fans is important to me," he said. "It's important that we hear from fans and the other entities about what we can do better. We don't want to lose the fans at the grassroots level."

When asked about Michael Jordan, one of the famous UNC alums, he said simply: "There aren't many Michael Jordans." Almost in the same breath, he added that Chamique Holdsclaw comes close and, of course, there's Peyton Manning.

"I've only seen him from the outside," he said, "but I can't think of a better role model."

As you might expect, he considers his position to be a "great opportunity," a chance to build on a great tradition. One word that came up more than once was "proactive," being in control of events rather than reacting to them.

"The challenge colleges face, and not just Tennessee, is the culture that 'people come to us for tickets.' This means being more aggressive in this area, working on telemarketing, like the pro teams do."

So, he's here at Tennessee looking to build on the tradition that's been so carefully crafted over the years.

"Tennessee athletics means so much to so many," he said.

"I'm pleased to have the chance to be a part of the tradition of Tennessee athletics. The transition has been an easy one.

"I'm trying to learn as much as I can in a short period of time. The future is unlimited," he said. "The biggest challenge I have is not to mess it up." T

by Tom Mattingly

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Lettermen's Reunion Weekend Set for September 4-5

The University of Tennessee will pay tribute to many of the men who helped build the school's football tradition at the UNLV game Sept. 5. Entitled "Lettermen's Reunion Weekend," more than 350 former Vols will be in town to be part of the festive atmosphere that surrounds Tennessee football.

Tennessee lettermen from as far back as the late 1930s will be in attendance and will be honored at halftime. It starts with Leonard Coffman, the tough-as-nails fullback from the late 1930s and continues through the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s, with 2002 co-captain Will Ofenheusle being the most recent player expected to attend.

The appearance of the many former Vols at halftime on the Shields-Watkins Field turf is another in series of steps undertaken by athletics director Mike Hamilton to help pay tribute to the legacy of Tennessee football.

"The tradition of Tennessee football is something all of us can be proud of," Hamilton said. "This is a unique opportunity to honor those who have helped build the tradition over the years."

Current Vols will don retro jerseys in tribute to all former players who have dressed out for Tennessee over the years.

The "retro" jerseys will be replicas of the white ones worn from 1971 through 1973, with an Orange collar and the players' name inset in white.

While on campus, the former Vols will attend the team's Saturday walk-through at Neyland Stadium, followed by a reception for football lettermen. After the reception, lettermen will break away for dinners with large groups of players. On Sunday, the lettermen will follow the present-day football players in the "Vol Walk" to Neyland Stadium.

The Tennessee tradition of football excellence dates 113 years ago to 1891 when the Vols played a one-game season, losing 24-0 to Sewanee in Chattanooga. Since that time, the Vols have played nearly 1100 games, with a winning percentage of .698. The Vols are 736-303-53 over that time period. Here's a look decade-by-decade as to how it has developed:

1891-99: 17-13-0 (.567) overall 17-13-0 (.533)

1900-09: 38-38-10 (.500) overall 55-51-10 (.515)

1910-19: 40-23-7 (.621) overall 95-74-17 (.557)

1920-29: 68-16-6 (.789) overall 163-90-23 (.633)

1930-39: 79-17-5 (.807) overall 242-107-28 (.679)

1940-49: 67-19-5 (.764) overall 309-126-33 (.698)

1950-59: 72-33-4 (.679) overall 381-159-37 (.675)

1960-69: 67-32-6 (.667) overall 448-191-43 (.688)

1970-79: 75-39-3 (.654) overall 523-230-46 (.683)

1980-89: 77-37-5 (.668) overall 600-267-51 (.681)

1990-99: 99-22-2 (.813) overall 699-289-53 (.697)

2000-03: 37-14-0 (.725) overall 736-303-53 (.698)

There has been success by the bushel over the years, however you want to measure it.

There have been six national championships, the first in 1938, continuing on through 1940, 1950, 1951, and 1967, with the most recent in 1998. There have been 44 bowl games with a 23-21 work sheet.

The Vols won their first championship in 1914 in the old Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and two more in 1927 and 1932 in the old Southern Conference.

After the Southeastern Conference was formed in 1933, the Vols reeled off championships in 1938, 1939, 1940, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1967, 1969, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1997 and 1998.

There have been 65 All-America selections honored 80 times, the first being Gene McEver in 1929 and the most recent being punter Dustin Colquitt in 2003.

"Lettermen's Reunion Weekend" is sure to prove that tradition is alive and well at Tennessee.

by Tom Mattingly

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LEADER OF THE BAND DR. GARY SOUSA

Gary Sousa takes great pride in the "Pride of the Southland Marching Band" and what it means not only to the music department, but to the university as a whole. Fans who attend Vols sporting events and other musical events on campus already know this, but may not know of the fascinating history behind the band program at Tennessee.

The band was first formed 144 years ago in 1860, as a "corps of cadets and a military band led by a cadet leader." That event came seven years after the Morrill Act established the University of Tennessee as a land grant college.

Here's a look at the history of "The Pride."

In 1883, the instrumentation of the band was cornets and, nine years later, an "experienced teacher" named Ernest H. Garrett was named the first official bandmaster.

By 1899, the band had 13 members and, when Williams H. Knable was appointed bandmaster in 1901, the band had 17 members.

In 1902, the band marched in its first football game when the Vols squared off against Sewanee Nov. 1.

Things went on from there until William Crouch was appointed bandmaster and the band doubled in size. They wore World War I surplus uniforms and included a female sponsor. In 1925, the band numbered 45, and UT military units grew to a regiment with three battalions.

On Oct. 26,1929, the "Alma Mater" was adopted from words and music penned by Mary Fleming Meek and the "Hollowed Hill in Tennessee" has stood the test of time.

Ernest Hall was appointed bandmaster in 1935, and the band grew to 85 and included female marchers known as "Volettes."

"Fight, Vols, Fight" was first played at the 1939 Orange Bowl. There were a couple of other "firsts" that season. Mildred Alexander was appointed first head majorette, and women wore band uniforms for the first time.

The newspaper headline said "U-T Band Will Play New Battle Song at Bowl Game." The song was was played in the Orange Bowl Parade New Year's night, with the band (it was not known as the "Price of the Southland" quite yet) tabbed as the "honor musical unit" in the parade of between 35 and 40 bands.

Maj. Walter M. Ryba came along in 1941, an ex-John Phillip Sousa band member, who was the first to include women as regular band members. He also pepped up halftime with theme shows and costumes. In 1957, the Pride performed an Elvis show which included "Ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog," in honor of the recently-adopted mascot, Smokey.

In 1950, *Knoxville Journal* sportswriter Ed Harris first termed the band as the "Pride of the Southland."

When Dr. W J Julian came to Knoxville in 1961, he revolutionized the style of the Pride. He brought new uniforms, the same ones used today, along with an incredible degree of spit and polish.

He created a demand for perfection in appearance and performance that has carried though 43 years later.

There were times during Dr. Julian's tenure that the Vol football team would be practicing on Haslam Field (then known as Upper Hudson Field) and the band on Lower Hudson (now known as Lindsey Nelson Stadium) and you couldn't tell which was which thanks to the intensity level, from the Tennessee coaches or from Dr. Julian and his staff. From those days came the Circle Drill, the Power T and the opening of the "T" from, first, the east side, than from the north.

The band first formed the "T" at the 1965 Army game and it has been a part of Tennessee football ever since, whether from the east side or, since the 1983 LSU game, from the north end. The band also grew from 160 members to 250 in 1965. It's a majestic sight.

In a defining moment at the 1972 Alabama game, Dr. Julian needed a country number to fill out a show and found a relatively unknown piece by Nashville songwriters Felice and Boudleaux Bryant entitled "Rocky Top." Written at a Gatlinburg hotel in 1967, it's been a staple of Vols athletics events ever since.

In 1973, Tennessee music professor George Bitzas sang the National Anthem for the first time and stayed on for 25 years. In 1983, the "T" was formed from the north end, rather than from the east side, and in 1993 the Vol bench moved from ther west to the east side.

The "Circle Drill" and other inovations were standard parts of the band's halftime show during this time, and still are.

The "Power T" is a new addition to pregame and has been well received by the fans.

Dr. Sousa came along in 1997. Things have rolled nicely since that time, carrying on a tradition second to none.

"The popularity of the band comes down to three factors," Dr. Sousa said.

"One is tradition. People know what to expect. In the pregame, they know every song, every move. They look forward to it.

"The second is the level of discipline and integrity the students have and demonstrate every weekend. Students like this are really unusual in today's society. They believe in UT, the band program and the athletic department. They do the right thing in an old-school way.

"The third - and we haven't gotten there yet - is our desire to be innovative, exciting and entertaining. We keep trying to be innovative. Our annual Christmas show is an example."

It's a wonderful and storied tradition. "Tradition is a strong motivator," Dr. Sousa said.

"I did hear someone say that 'If you let tradition determine your future, it's not a good thing. If your tradition shapes your future, it is a good thing.'"

When you talk Tennessee tradition, the "Pride" is definitely a part of it all. T

by Tom Mattingly

Dr. Gary Sousa directs the "National Anthem" before a Tennessee game at Neyland Stadium.

YOUTH INVASION: Whitfords Enjoy Being Young Contributors

A youthful smile creeps onto the faces of Ray and Michelle Whitford when they walk into a function for the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund. It's all but guaranteed they're the youngest couple at every VASF event that recognizes and honors leading contributors to the Tennessee athletic department. Ray, 29, and Michelle, 26, love it.

As much as the Whitfords enjoy being two of the youngest contributors, they find it even more pleasurable to provide opportunities to even younger student-athletes at the University of Tennessee. Recently, the UTAD recognized Ray and Michelle for their gift to STEP UP – The Campaign for UT Athletic Facilities by naming the players lounge in the men's basketball locker room at Thompson-Boling Arena.

STEP UP is UTAD's first-ever capital campaign. The goal of STEP UP was to improve seven different athletic facilities that will directly impact 17 out of UT's 20 men's and women's athletic programs. These improvements will assist each program in competing for SEC and NCAA championships.

Ray and Michelle are also members of the VASF's Nathan Dougherty Society – members of the Nathan Dougherty Society commit to endowing an athletic scholarship over a 10-year period. The income provided from the endowments guarantee that future student-athletes at Tennessee will have the chance to attend college and participate in athletics.

"We think it's important to give back to the colleges, because they are what made us who we are in our professional worlds," Ray says.

Ray graduated from Tennessee Tech, where he ran cross country for the Golden Eagles. He's now a sales representative for Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. Michelle, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, is an assistant buyer for the Proffitt's and McRae's division of Saks, Inc.

Although Ray and Michelle are new to the business world and somewhat fresh out of college, they both fully understand the value of Tennessee athletics and contributing to the program. Through their membership in the Nathan Dougherty Society, they carry on the light Dougherty himself once lit while attending and competing for the University of Tennessee.

One of the first true football heroes, and captain of the first basketball team at Tennessee, Dougherty went on to become one of the most noted figures in the university's academic realm as the dean of the college of engineering. He was later appointed interim chairman of the university's athletic council and assisted in the design of Shields-Watkins Field. He eventually hired a football mastermind from West Point by the name of Robert R. Neyland.

The Whitfords continue Dougherty's dream through their contribution and can regularly be found in Neyland's great stadium on home Saturdays. The couple's roots have always had a tint of orange. They both grew up in Brentwood, Tenn. But if one common thread ties them together, it's the bond of being lifelong fans of the Vols.

Ray's fondest memory of watching the orange-clad men on the gridiron was the 1986 Sugar Bowl when the Vols stunned the Miami Hurricanes 35-7 in New Orleans. His parents were in attendance, but Ray was following the game on his little 13-inch television at home. "Back then, that was a decent size TV," he says. "That was really when I thought UT was an awesome football team. I realized you could never count them out no matter how big the game was."

Ray and Michelle Whitford with head men's basketball coach Buzz Peterson outside the players lounger named in theit honor in Thompson-Boling Arena.

For Michelle, her football experience is a little more recent. She scarcely remembers attending high school football games, and says her "very first football game" was the 1999 Notre Dame game in Knoxville. "I was on the front row at the 50-yard line," she says. "That was my introduction to football, and it was great."

Football, however, runs in Michelle's family tree. Her grandfather, the late Hoyal Fields Johnson, played football at Cumberland University, where he was later inducted into the Cumberland University Sports Hall of Fame. He also coached the Lebanon High School football team to four conference championships,including the school's only undefeated, untied team in 1945. A monument recognizing his coaching accomplishments stands on the LHS field today.

While at Cumberland University he was recruited for a full football scholarship to attend Tennessee. His father had passed away when he was a very young boy, leaving only his grandfather and grandmother, Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, to raise him. Shortly before his departure for Knoxville, his grandfather also passed away, leaving his grandmother alone in their hometown of Nashville, Tenn. The very day that he was packed and leaving for UT he changed his mind. The thought of leaving his aging grandmother alone in Nashville was a decision that he could not endure.

In 1937, at 19 years old, Johnson purchased a farm, equipment and cattle in Lebanon, in order to start a dairy farm to support his family of two. He named his farm "Johnson's Farm & Dairy." This was a fully functioning farm and dairy processing plant until 1947, at which time he sold the farm but continued to expand the processing plant.

In the early 1970s Purity, located in Nashville, purchased the business along with the Johnson name, which can still be seen on some delivery trucks to this day. Johnson was influential in the growth of the Lebanon community until his death just over six years ago. "If I could grow up to be half the person he was, I would be so pleased," Michelle says. "I would be so happy if I could accomplish that much and be that type of person."

Johnson's memory lives on, thanks to Ray and Michelle. Although he didn't get to play football for the Vols, his name will give others the opportunity to wear the orange through their endowment commitment, appropriately named in his honor.

The couple is dedicated to forming a solid foundation for younger contributors. There may be 100 years between Dougherty's days on The Hill and the Whitford's cheers, but their visions remain the same. "As Ray has said before, we both believe it's such a valuable thing to give back," Michelle says. "If we could get the other people who have just graduated to give, there would be so many more opportunities for others."

Perhaps Dougherty was the initial link in the ongoing cycle to support the University of Tennessee athletics. But he had a vision - to give young people an opportunity to compete for championships while getting their college education. Ray and Michelle understand share this vision. They're following in the footsteps of Dougherty, and they just smile and enjoy it.

by Josh Pate

VIDEO SERIES SET TO HIGHLIGHT

Here's something for every Vols fan that will be a keepsake for the years to come.

It's the "Tennessee Football Legends Reunion," brought to you by Gabriel Sports, featuring Tennessee players and coaches covering six decades, from Hank Lauricella and Andy Kozar from the early 1950s on through today.

"It was inspiring to be in the same room with the last four head football coaches at Tennessee and many of the players who created so many of the great moments of UT football," Haywood Harris said. "Tennessee football tradition is special to fans across Big Orange Country, and this video set will only enhance that tradition."

Former head coaches - Doug Dickey, Bill Battle and Johnny Majors as well as current head coach Phillip Fulmer -- were in attendance.

On hand joining the coaches and Lauricella and Kozar were former Vols Bill Bates, Eddie Brown, Keith DeLong, Daryl Dickey, Frank Emanuel, Condredge Holloway, Bob Johnson, Dale Jones, Steve Kiner, Peyton Manning, Tee Martin, Lester McClain, Johnny Mills, Stanley Morgan, Paul Naumoff, Will Overstreet, Larry Seivers, Heath Shuler and Darwin Walker.

Their comments about the great plays and great moments of Tennessee football history, along with video of those great moments, make the show a "can't miss" proposition.

Also on hand were announcers John Ward and Bob Kesling and former Vols administrators Harris and Gus Manning.

Various players from different eras came together to share stories, perpetuate myths and create legends. It was all in fun as the story of Tennessee football is shared while video crews catch it all for Vols fans to see.

The past 40 years of coaching are represented here with current head coach Phillip Fulmer, former athletic director and head coach Doug Dickey (1964-69), former All-America and head coach Johnny Majors (1977-92) and former head coach Bill Battle (1970-76).

"The show went incredibly well," said executive producer Larry Black, who has done similar ventures for the Alabama and Oklahoma football programs. "Having the four coaches in the same room was a rarity, as was having players dating all the way back to General Neyland."

The Legends Reunion is available on DVD and VHS for $79.80 plus $6.95 shipping and handling. For information on preordering your copy, you may e-mail blaxx3@aol.com or call (615) 673-2846.

by Tom Mattingly

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Regal Cinemas has been involved with Tennessee as a friend, a corporate partner, and a donor. As a friend, Regal provided movie theatre stadium seating for both the football media room in the Neyland Sports Complex and the men's basketball theatre in the locker room in Thompson-Boling Arena. As a corporate partner, Regal sponsors the inflatable pop-a-shot. The pop-a-shot is available to fans at all Lady Vols basketball games. Fans who test their skills at the pop-a-shot receive free movie passes from Regal Cinemas. Regal also supports the Tennessee baseball program through the foul ball sponsorship. Fans who return foul balls hit in Lindsey Nelson Stadium receive a free movie voucher.

Regal Cinemas joined the VASF in 1998 and began leasing a skybox at Neyland Stadium in 2000. Regal's involvement as a donor extends to the Salute to Excellence event which raises funds for Lady Vol student-athlete scholarships.

"Regal Cinemas have been outstanding partners for us. Their continued involvement in every facet of our athletic program has made a difference for the Lady Vols," said Joan Cronan.

Beginning this year, Regal Cinemas will enjoy future Lady Vol basketball games from the front row at Thompson-Boling Arena in the new Premium Floor Seats.

On June 28, University of Tennessee Athletic Director Mike Hamilton announced the men's basketball locker room theatre in Thompson-Boling Arena will now be named the Regal Cinemas Theatre in honor of their involvement in STEP UP - The Campaign for UT Athletic Facilities. Regal's commitment to STEP UP, a capital campaign aimed at improving eight different athletic facilities that are used by 17 of UT's 20 men's and women's sport programs, shows that Regal understands the need to provide our student-athletes with the best resources possible to compete for SEC and NCAA Championships.

"We are excited to recognize Regal Cinemas for their continued involvement with UT athletics. Their partnership has been a great asset to the success the athletic teams at Tennessee have experienced. We appreciate their support and friendship," said Hamilton.

For more information regarding corporate sponsorship opportunities, contact the marketing office at (865) 974-1734. For information on the STEP UP Campaign or Lady Vol Premium Floor Seats, contact the development office at (865) 974-1218.

Members of Regal Entertainment Group present for the recognition ceremony were (L-R) Gregg Dunn, Michael Campbell and Dick Westeringly

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Thornton Athletics Student Life Center

Renewing Academic Commitment (RAC)

The University of Tennessee is blessed in many ways besides being just a great academic institution. As a university, we are fortunate to be able to attract on a national level the most talented student-athletes in all of our sports and provide them with some of the best athletic facilities in the country. The opening of the Thornton Athletic Student Life Center over three years ago also showed the athletic department's commitment to giving our student-athletes the best academic facilities in which to learn as well.

Based in the Thornton Center is the Renewing Academic Commitment (RAC) Program which goes on to give back to all of our former student-athletes who were not able to finish their bachelors degree during their playing careers. The average college student takes almost five years to finish an undergraduate degree, and that is without the time demands of big-time athletics. The RAC Program works with former student-athletes by assisting them with advice on degree requirements remaining, course scheduling, tutoring, employment and internship opportunities offered through the CHAMPS/Life Skills Office, and use of the Thornton Center for their every day needs.

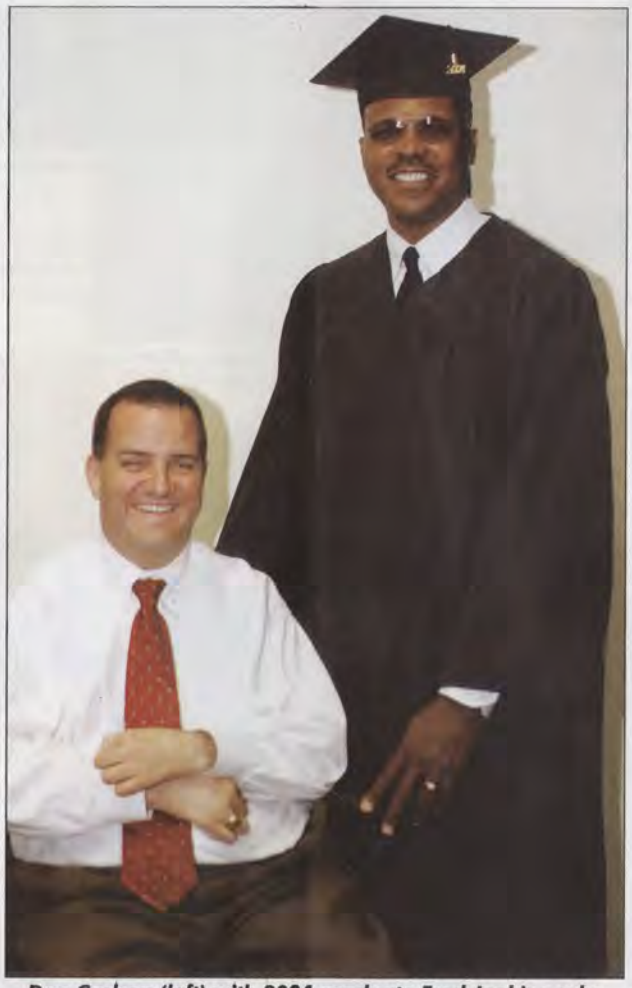
"There are many major athletic departments in the country that do not provide the support, either physically or financially, for former student-athletes to finish up their degrees once their window of athletic eligibility has expire, said Dan Carlson, RAC program director. "Fortunately, the University of Tennessee has stood behind its former athletes and 'put its money where its mouth is.'

"Too often athletes are promised things during the recruiting process that later become lip service. Tennessee goes into these same living rooms and backs it up by telling the families the importance of getting that bachelor's degree."

From a financial perspective, the athletic department picks up the tuition costs, books and associated university fees for these returning student-athletes. These students must be committed to finishing their degree and making satisfactory progress in order to continue to receive this aid. For those student-athletes in the RAC Program that are still currently on active NFL or NBA rosters, their respective professional league will pay their tuition costs if they chose to take courses while they are playing. Once their professional career is over, neither league will pay anything towards degree progress.

The number of RAC participants has really risen over the past few years as coaches, administrators, and most importantly "Mom's," have really pushed these individuals to obtain that ultimate goal: A college degree. There are currently around 25 former student-athletes that are working with the RAC Program and around another 15 that have inquired about returning to school in the near future. This past spring commencement alone there were five graduates in the RAC Program (Fred Jenkins, basketball, and Reggie Coleman, Jay Graham, Steven Marsh, and Ben Talley in football).

"The largest number of RAC participants come from football, and which is no surprise considering it has the largest number of student-athletes in men's athletics. It has also been the sport that has been most affected by the professional leagues," said Carlson.



Dan Carlson (left) with 2004 graduate Fred Jenkins, who completed his degree with help from the RAC Program.

The success of the football program and the talented student-athletes that have come through here have made it the most attractive venue for NFL scouts to reside. As of last year, no college program had more players drafted in the NFL over the past decade than Tennessee. Because of this fact, Tennessee has lost numerous players early to the draft. "Those who played here all four years usually have to withdraw from courses in the spring semester of their senior year because they are traveling and trying out in All-Star games and combines all spring. This fact makes it even more important that a support system like the RAC Program is in place to help these students finish up their remaining credit hours," Carlson said.

Several current NFL players work with the RAC Program Coordinator to take classes while they are living in different cities. This is usually done by taking UT Distance Education courses or by taking a limited number of hours at a college in the NFL city in which they are currently playing. By taking a few classes while they are still playing, it makes it much quicker to return to Knoxville to complete the final requirements.

It is also important for many of the RAC participants to have a part-time job while returning to school. This is why networking with offices like the CHAMPS/Life Skills in the Thornton Center is important, because the students need money to survive the day to day costs of living. The more businesses that are willing to hire these former student-athletes on a part-time basis, the greater the possibilities are that these students will be able to finish school and gain valuable work experience.

"One of the most enjoyable aspects of working with the RAC Program is the positive feedback received from the faculty and current players," said Carlson. "Many faculty who have had these students in class previously comment on how dedicated and enjoyable the returning students are to have around. The same can be said about current student-athletes who also benefit from the advice and experience that the older guys have to offer."

The RAC Program is just another example of how the UT athletic department and the Thornton Center are dedicated to educating our student-athletes. "A college degree is something that can never be taken away and the goal to make that dream become a reality for all that wear the orange and white of Tennessee.

by Dan Carlson

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COMPLIANCE CORNER

Here's a look at some recently passed NCAA and SEC rules to help you stay up to date with compliance issues in all sports. These rules cover recruiting, exhibition games in men's basketball, evaluation periods, sports agents and academic performance, among others.

- Effective immediately, the "5/8" rule has been eliminated in men's basketball. This means that schools will still be limited to 13 scholarships overall in a given year, but there will be no limit on the amount of initial counters anymore.

- Beginning with the 2004-05 season in men's basketball, a member institution may not play exhibition games against non-collegiate teams, such as foreign teams, Athletes in Action or the Harlem Globetrotters.

- In recruiting, institutions may now release information on a signed prospective student-athlete subsequent to the one-time release of their signing. The institution may also provide updates on the prospect's accomplishments once they've signed.

- There are changes in evaluations and contacts for sports other than football. There is one in person off-campus contact in the prospect's junior year on the high school campus, subject to recruiting calendar restrictions. There is also one phone call allowed during March of the prospect's junior year.

- In an effort to reduce the stress on a student-athlete's time demands, the NCAA has adopted legislation that outside of declared playing season and during the academic year, student-athletes should have two days off per week. This is effective August 1.

- Institutional foreign tours will continue to be permissible in all sports. Tours may not occur during the period beginning 30 days prior to the first permissible practice date until the first scheduled date of competition. However, schools may honor contracts signed before October 21, 2003.

- NCAA financial aid limits have changed. Effective August 1, a student's individual limit will now be the cost of attendance or a full grant-in-aid plus a Pell Grant (whichever is most). Student-athletes will be permitted to receive athletics aid from the institution and/or from an outside source, e.g. church or high school scholarships or civic club scholarships, up to the value of a full grant-in-aid (i.e., tuition and fees, room and board and course related books). Student-athletes could then receive nonathletic aid above a full grant in aid up to the cost of attendance. Previously, student-athletes were limited to receiving financial aid up to the value of a full grant-in-aid.

- A major step in increasing the NCAA emphasis on academics was passed through the adoption of a new Academic Performance Program. The program will reward institutions that demonstrate a commitment toward academic progress, retention and graduation of student-athletes and penalize those that fail to demonstrate such a commitment. Schools will be evaluated by graduation rates and student-athlete retention rates as established by an NCAA committee.

The SEC also implemented two new rules::

- A member institution may not issue game credentials to sports agents in any sport.

- Institutions may not schedule athletic contests in any sport during final exam periods.

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The Last Word...

Hunter Flack: Running Quickly to

When you travel through western North Carolina, you see the imprints of Tennessee players past, like that of Jimmy Streater in Sylva, Carl Pickens and Frank Alexander in Murphy, Shawn Bryson in Franklin and the Shuler brothers in Bryson City, to name just a few.

Up in the mountains of the Tar Heel state near the Georgia line sits the town of Highlands (elevation 4418, pop. 3000 year-round, 28,000-30,000 in the peak season). It's a picture book type town, with an incredible ambience.

In this quaint town resides the oldest Tennessee letterman and former track star Hunter Flack. He is within hailing distance of his 100th birthday March 29, 2005, yet mentioned casually he wanted to build a condo in Destin over the next few years.

Flack is a native of Union City and an early classmate of Col. Tom Elam, the long-time Tennessee trustee. His family moved to Montgomery, Ala., after he graduated high school. When you talk to him, you hear Montgomery in his voice. It's as if he never left.

He arrived at Tennessee in 1924 and stayed through 1927. He was a track star during his days at the ATO House. The first year he was sixth of 150 in crosscountry on campus and won the event the next year. He still has his 1925 Todd and Armistead Cup symbolizing his victory. "Nobody ever beat me in the mile run," he said.

He roomed with John Barnhill, captain of the 1927 team and later head coach at Tennessee and Arkansas. He remembered going to Nashville in 1926 and being told that "Tennessee wouldn't score." Vandy won 20-3 that day, but a lot of Middle Tennessee money went home in his pocket.

"He's loved to run," said wife Eleanor, who became Mrs. Flack in August 1975. "That's why he made it this far."

Hunter told of being in the Plaza Hotel in New York back in the early to mid-1940s. When he left the hotel in his jogging suit, "People looked at me funny."

He recalled that many people wondered about his sanity, running so much all the time, so much that he went to the Cooper Clinic in Houston, and asked if he were running too much. Their response: "You're not running enough."

"I was jogging before it was fashionable," he said.

He still does an hour on the treadmill each day in his home, one that has a breathtaking view of the mountains.

Flack made his fortune in the lumber business, owning mills in Summerville, S.C. (the "largest saw mill east of the Mississippi River at one point"), Columbus, Ga., and Bainbridge, Ga.

He ran Flack-Jones Lumber Company for 25 years, from 1945 to 1970. "He had the ability to hire good people who could do the job," Eleanor said. "These were big mills. His strength was knowing people. He knew how to run a business and had great contacts in the banking and business community.

"He is a dreamer, who, when he went into the mills in Alabama, was using the railroads to ship the wood out before other people did that. He had great ambition and was ahead of the curve in a number of ways."

Today, the Flacks are still in business with Flack Land Company, having accumulated a great deal of timberland in Alabama, mostly south of Montgomery. When they die, the land will be given to the Eleanor and J. Hunter Flack Foundation, to be managed by the Auburn University Department of Forestry, and to their church.

He ended up in Highlands in 1978, saying it was the "closest resort to Montgomery," and they built the house in 1981. He won the senior division of the Highlands Country Club golf tournament in 1996. There is a clipping of him winning a golf tournament Dec. 3, 1995, in which he won by shooting less than his age. He was 90 and shot 86.

Flack and his first wife had three children: James Hunter Flack Jr., deceased, Martin Flack, Newton, Ga., Margaret Flack, of Baton Rouge, La. There are seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Hunter Flack (age 51) in a portrait painted by Jay Wesley Jacobs, who also painted Pres. Truman's portrait in the White House.

The Flacks are making plans to attend the Lettermen's Weekend around the Notre Dame game Nov. 5-6. He's excited about being on the field and seeing his many friends on campus.

He's had quite a life, much of it centered around the University of Tennessee. During his time with us, he's pretty much seen it all, raising a family and continuing to build a business.

He's running full-tilt to his 100th birthday and beyond. It's been an amazing "run" for him and it's not over for him yet. Not by a long shot. T

by Tom Mattingly

Hunter Flack and wife, Eleanor, at their mountain top home in Highlands, N.C.

THE VOL SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	TV
Sept. 5	UNLV	Knoxville	8 PM	ESPN2
Sept. 18	Florida	Knoxville	8 PM	CBS
Sept. 25	La. Tech	Knoxville	7 PM	VideoSeat
Oct. 2	Auburn	Knoxville	TBA	TBA
Oct. 9	at Georgia	Athens	TBA	TBA
Oct. 16	at Mississippi	Oxford	TBA	TBA
Oct. 23	Alabama	Knoxville	TBA	TBA
Oct. 30	at South Carolina	Columbia	TBA	TBA
Nov. 6	Notre Dame	Knoxville	TBA	TBA
Nov. 20	at Vanderbilt	Nashville	TBA	TBA
Nov. 27	Kentucky	Knoxville	TBA	TBA
Dec. 4	SEC Championship	Atlanta	TBA	

VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 3	Loyola Marymount Inv.	Los Angeles, Calif.	
Villanova, Duke, Loyola Marymount			
Sept 10	Toyota Lady Vol Classic	Knoxville	
Wake Forest, Tenn Martin, Purdue			
Sept. 14	Lipscomb	Knoxville	7 PM
Sept 17	Michigan Invitational	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1 PM
Western Mich, Virginia Tech, Michigan,			
Sept 22	Louisville	Knoxville	7 PM
Sept. 24	Mississippi *	Knoxville	7 PM
Sept. 26	Mississippi State *	Knoxville	2 PM
Sept. 29	South Carolina *	Columbia, S.C.	7 PM
Oct. 3	Kentucky *	Knoxville	2 PM
Oct. 8	Mississippi St *	Starkville, Miss.	8 PM
Oct. 10	Mississippi *	Oxford, Miss.	2:30 PM
Oct. 15	Auburn *	Auburn, Ala.	8 PM
Oct. 17	Alabama *	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	2:30 PM
Oct. 22	Florida *	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 PM
Oct. 24	Georgia *	Knoxville, Tenn.	2 PM
Oct. 27	South Carolina *	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 PM
Oct. 29	Kentucky *	Lexington, Ky.	7 PM
Nov. 1	Appalachian State	Boone, N.C.	7 PM
Nov. 5	Arkansas *	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 PM
Nov. 7	LSU *	Knoxville, Tenn.	2 PM
Nov. 12	Georgia *	Athens, Ga.	7 PM
Nov. 14	Florida *	Gainesville, Fla.	1:30 PM
Nov. 19	SEC Tournament	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Nov. 21	SEC Tournament	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Nov. 23	SEC Tournament	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Nov. 26	Pittsburgh	Louisville, Ky.	4:30 PM
Dec 2	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 3	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec 4	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 5	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec 9	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 10	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 11	NCAA Regional Finals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 12	NCAA Regional Finals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 16	NCAA Final Four	Long Beach, Calif.	TBA
Dec. 18	NCAA Championship	Long Beach, Calif.	TBA

SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 8	Duke	Knoxville	7 PM
Sept. 3	Washington	Seattle, Wash.	10 PM
Sept. 5	Washington St.	Pullman, Wash.	3 PM
Sept. 10	North Carolina	Knoxville	8 PM
Sept. 12	USC	Knoxville	3 PM
Sept. 16	Richmond	Richmond, Va.	7 PM
Sept. 19	UNLV	Knoxville	2 PM
Sept. 24	Mississippi St. *	Starkville, Miss.	8 PM
Sept. 26	Mississippi *	Oxford, Miss.	2 PM
Oct. 1	Florida *	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Oct. 3	South Carolina *	Columbia, S.C.	1 PM
Oct. 8	Arkansas *	Knoxville	7 PM
Oct. 10	LSU *	Knoxville	1 PM
Oct. 15	Vanderbilt *	Knoxville	7 PM
Oct. 17	Kentucky *	Knoxville	2 PM
Oct. 22	Auburn *	Auburn, Ala.	8 PM
Oct. 24	Alabama *	Knoxville	2 PM
Oct. 29	Georgia *	Knoxville	7 PM
Nov. 4	SEC Tournament	Orange Beach, Ala.	TBA
Nov. 5	SEC Tournament	Orange Beach, Ala.	TBA
Nov. 7	SEC Tournament	Orange Beach, Ala.	TBA
Nov. 12	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Nov. 14	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Nov. 19	NCAA Third Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Nov. 20	NCAA Third Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Nov. 21	NCAA Third Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Nov. 26	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
Nov. 27	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
Nov. 28	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 3	NCAA College Cup	Cary, N.C.	TBA
Dec. 5	NCAA College Cup	Cary, N.C.	TBA

GOLF

Women's

Date	Opponent	Location
Sept. 12-14	Cougar Classic at Yeamans Hall	Charleston, S.C.
Sept. 19-22	NCAA Fall Preview	Corvallis, Ore.
Oct. 7-10	Mercedes-Benz Collegiate	Knoxville, Tenn.
Oct. 28-31	The Landfall Tradition	Wilmington, N.C.
Nov. 13-16	Hooters Match Play	Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Men's

The men's schedule has not been finalized at this time.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's cross country schedules were not released as of the date of printing. Check in our next issue for season previews of both squads.

TENNIS

The 2004 men's and women's tennis schedules have not been released as of this time.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Former Vol Tabbed As MLB Manager

The Houston Astros fired manager Jimmy Williams and replaced him with former Vol Phil Garner July 14.ger with Detroit and Milwaukee.

Current Vol Wins Gold at World Junior Championships

Rising sophomore Aries Merritt became the fastest hurdler age 19 or younger in the world Sunday when he struck gold in the 110-meter hurdles at the 10th IAAF World Junior Track and Field Championships in Grosseto, Italy.

Merritt, coached by Tennessee assistant coach Vince Anderson, easily won the world junior title when he broke the tape in 13.56, a comfortable margin of victory in front of Cuba's Dayron Rohles' 13.77 time. In the preliminaries Friday, Merritt qualified for the semifinals with the third-fastest time, a 13.83. Merritt's 13.65 stood as the best time in the field in Saturday's semifinals.

"I felt good before the race," Merritt said. "I noticed a slight headwind at the start so I pushed out harder on the first hurdle than I normally do. I set my race up correctly because I push harder on that first hurdle. I felt the Cuban right beside though, so I got my feet down faster after hurdle five and felt myself pulling away so I decided to keep that pace up. I realized that was the right tempo for me and hauled it in at the end to run as fast as I could."

Former Lady Vol Added to Golf Staff

Lady Vol Head Golf Coach Judi Pavon announced the hiring of former player Caroline Cole (1998-02) as her new assistant coach for the 2004-05 season. Cole replaces Mike Whitson, who will be pursuing graduate school at the University of Kansas.

"I'm very excited that Carrie has accepted the assistant golf coach position," Lady Vol Head Coach Judi Pavon said. "She is a former Lady Vol and will bring a new perspective to our team. She is very professional and personable and will be a great help in recruiting and working with our student-athletes. Carrie and I have a great relationship so I'm very excited to be working closely with her."

Cole, a Mansfield, Texas native, returns to Rocky Top after playing on the Futures Tour for two seasons. In addition to playing, Cole worked as an operations intern for the American Junior Golf Association, where her primary duties were to oversee junior golf tournaments.

Cole also served as a student assistant coach for a season following the conclusion of her playing career with the Lady Vols. Her responsibilities included assisting in day-to-day operations of the program.

GOLF REUNION SEPTEMBER 17

On September 17, 2004, the men's golf team will host a reunion golf tournament and dinner for former UT golfers. The golf tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Egwani Farms Golf Club. The cost of the golf tournament will be $47.

After golf, the Lettermen will have dinner at 8 p.m. at Calhoun's on the River.

The cut-off date for this event will be August 10, 2004. Please contact head men's golf coach Jim Kelson at (865) 974-3834 for more information

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